

INDIANA CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The twelve-person Board of Trustees is primarily responsible for the legal and property concerns of the Indiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Inc. This has been an interesting and novel process as we have moved down the road with the two prior Annual Conference Boards of Trustees since last summer and the new Annual Conference Board of Trustees since the Uniting Conference last fall. We deeply appreciate the diligence and cooperation of the Boards of Trustees of the North Indiana Conference and the South Indiana under the capable leadership of Susan Kirkpatrick and Brian Williams respectively, the invaluable support and effort of Conference Directors Brent Williams and Jennifer Gallagher and the advice and counsel of attorneys, Steve Fink and John Neighbours and Bishop Coyner and Executive Assistant David V. W. Owen.

Activities of the past year

The Indiana Conference Trustees were elected at the Uniting Conference on October 4, 2008. The formation meeting was held and officers elected on October 24, 2008. As its first item of business, the Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church, Inc. was incorporated as an Indiana not-for-profit corporation and by-laws were adopted and recorded with the Indiana Secretary of State.

Under the direction of the Indiana Conference, the Trustees have begun the process of selecting a site for the new Conference office in Indianapolis and are working with the existing Trustees of the former South and North Indiana Conferences and the Districts of the South Conference to sell the former Conference offices and any parsonages that will need to be sold as a result of District realignment. Any parsonages provided for District Superintendents in the former North Indiana Conference are owned by the annual conference, while such parsonages in the former South Indiana Conference are owned by the districts

The Indiana Conference Board of Trustees makes the following Recommendations:

Recommendation 1:

The Indiana Conference Board of Trustees recommends that the Indiana Conference authorize the Board to research the potential for a conference-wide property and casualty insurance program to insure adequate and complete coverage for all churches and conference-owned property within the bounds of the annual conference and to return with a recommended plan regarding same to the 2010 Annual Conference.

Recommendation 2:

The Indiana Conference Board of Trustees recommends that the Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church provide an adequate housing allowance in order to allow district superintendents and other appropriate employees of the annual conference to provide their own housing instead of providing conference-owned or district-owned parsonages, subject to the annual conference policy on housing allowances and in amounts determined to be sufficient by the annual conference. The Indiana Conference Board of Trustees further recommends that any parsonages or other housing owned by the former North Indiana Conference or the former South Indiana Conference or any district thereof be sold as soon as practicable and that the net proceeds of said sales be deposited with the annual conference for appropriate investment in order to provide a funding source for annual conference housing allowances.

1 Williams was elected to the UMPACT Board of Directors by its members and will serve in that
2 capacity for 3 years. UMPACT is a wholly owned United Methodist Insurance Program and
3 serves the Annual Conferences and Denomination. (See 2005 Annual Report).

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5 At the end of 2008, the balance in the Property Insurance Fund was \$598,617.

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7 The program is supported by Tony J, Grahn and Mary Sallee of Capitol Insurance Center in
8 Indianapolis. They help local church boards of trustees in understanding the program, handling
9 risk management at their local sites and claim filing and follow-up. Tony or Mary can be
10 reached at 800/305-9856 and can answer all questions regarding invoices, billing, payments,
11 coverage, risk management, new construction, and workers compensation.

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13 As part of the services available through the program all churches in the Indiana Conference
14 have access to reduced costs Background Screenings through Trak-1. You can contact Mary
15 or Tony who can assist your church in getting online with Trak-1 and having access to this
16 service.

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18 Currently, all churches in the former North Indiana Conference are required to participate in
19 UMPACT, while churches in the former South Indiana Conference are each responsible for
20 determining and securing the proper insurance coverage for themselves.

21 **South Indiana Conference Board of Trustees Report**

22 **Properties sold, transferred or are pending:**

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24 Butlerville UMC - Columbus
25 Fairview UMC - Evansville
26 St Andrews UMC - Evansville
27 New Trenton UMC - Rushville
28 New Bethel UMC - Columbus
29 Mt Nebo UMC - Bloomington
30 Allen Chapel UMC - Bloomington
31 Brookside UMC - Indianapolis
32 Glenburn UMC - Bloomington
33 Atkinson Chapel UMC - Vincennes
34 Clifford UMC - Columbus

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37 Shera Farm Property - Proceeds go to a permanently restricted fund.
38 Annual net proceeds to be determined by trustees in accordance with donor
39 intent.

40 **Trusts under the care of the Board of Trustees:**

41 Daisy Wood Trust	Balance 12/31/08	18,321
42 Temporarily restricted trust. Annual net proceeds to Decker Chapel UMC		
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44 Groendyke Trust	Balance 12/31/08	121,489
45 Permanently restricted trust. Annual net proceeds go to Conference Board of Pensions		
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47 Carrie Legg Trust	Balance 12/31/08	12,893
48 Permanently restricted trust. Annual net proceeds go to Charlottesville UMC		
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